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The Honorable Spencer Abraham Secretary of Energy U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D. C. 20585 September 4, 2001

Dear Secretary Abraham

Just having heard of the inadequate notice of the public hearings on the suitability of Yucca Mountain as the nuclear waste repository. I must respond to you, the Secretary of Energy, as follows.

You have failed to provide me with even a minimal chance to communicate to you my strong objections to that site prior to the meetings.

Further, your notification made no clear statement that this was NOT merely a preliminary hearing regarding this site.

In summary, you have grossly violated my right to due process under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution

Therefore, I strongly request you arrange to reschedule these meetings and disclose the true reason for them

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